

Abstract of the Disclosure

A mapping mechanism for a primary B+tree in a database management system.

The primary B+tree includes a plurality of rows. The mapping mechanism includes introducing a mapping table that includes a plurality of rows, including a row for each row of the primary B+tree, and that stores the logical identifier of the corresponding

5 primary B+tree row. In addition, reverse mapping is provided by augmenting a primary

B+tree to include in each primary B+tree row a physical row identifier of the

corresponding mapping table row. An auxiliary structure created on a primary B+tree

can make use of the proposed mapping mechanism. Specifically, the auxiliary structures /

refers to primary B+tree rows indirectly by storing the physical row identifier of the

corresponding mapping table row.

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